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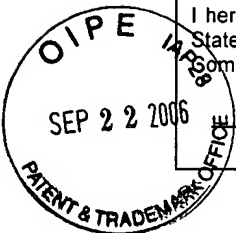
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IN RE APPLICATION OF  
**WENYING LI, ET AL**  
APPLICATION NO: **10/807089**  
FILED: **03/23/2004**  
FOR: **MICROBIAL TRANSFORMATION METHOD FOR THE PREPARATION  
OF AN EPOTHILONE**

ART UNIT: **1651**  
EXAMINER: **LILLING, HERBERT J**

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AMENDMENT AND REMARKS

Sir:

The accompanying Amendment and Remarks are presented in response to the Office Action dated August 28, 2006, having a three-month shortened statutory response period set to expire November 28, 2006. Applicants respectfully request introduction of the amendments to the claims and consideration of the remarks below.